

ON LINE ZOOM PRESENTATIONS

Dear Members and Friends,

In these COVID-19 restricted times we have replaced our regular Indoor Meeting Programme with an on-line presentation through the Zoom platform.

Presentations will start at 19:45 on the second Tuesday of the month from September through to April.

If the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the RSPB authorise face to face presentations and meetings, the Committee will review the situation and we may return to Indoor Meetings being held at the Senior Citizens' Hall. All members will be given good notice of this change through e-Mail, our website, and *Facebook* pages and if needed, telephone contact.

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JOINING A ZOOM TALK

If you haven't used Zoom before you can find out more about how to use it on the Zoom website <https://zoom.us/resources>

Group members need to e-Mail the Membership Secretary to register for Zoom presentations. They will be sent a link with a password approx. 24 hours before the presentation in preparation to join the Zoom platform.

please **send your e-Mail to**
membership@macclesfieldrspb.org.uk

On the evening of the presentation
Click on the link between 19:15 and 19:40 to join the Zoom waiting room for admission to the presentation.
We will start promptly at 19:45.

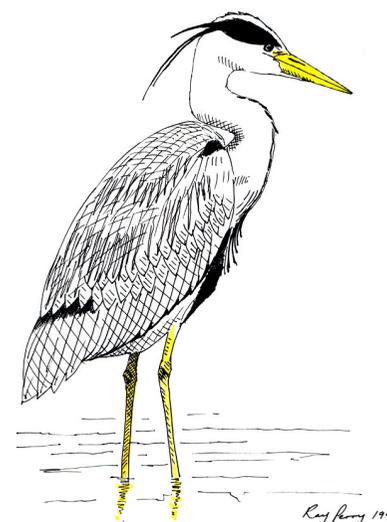
We expect the presentation to last 60-75 minutes with possibly a 5-10 minute comfort break. We will use the Zoom *Chat* feature to enable the audience to ask questions. A selection will be put to the speaker.

Numbers are limited and priority will be given to Local Group members. If you are not a member of our Group and would like to join us, please contact Lydia, at the e-Mail address above. Membership is £15 per season (September through to May) and we plan to hold eight Zoom presentations during this time, with the AGM being held 11 May 2021

We hope you enjoy this new initiative.



ON-LINE ZOOM PROGRAMME



2020 - 2021 Season

INTRODUCING THE ZOOM SPEAKER PROGRAMME
OF
THE RSPB MACCLESFIELD LOCAL GROUP

www.macclesfieldrspb.org.uk

Tuesday 8 September 2020
Trinidad and Tobago, Home of the
Hummingbird
by Ashley Grove

Hummingbirds have always fascinated Ashley and his dream to one day photograph them came true in November 2013.

This presentation will give not only beautiful images but some fascinating facts about these tiny jewels of the birding world. The presentation includes some other great images of the birds he saw on his visit to the Asa Wright Centre in Trinidad.

Tuesday 13 October 2020
Heading North
by David Boag

A new speaker for the Local Group, David will take us on a journey north starting in the Scottish Highlands, then up through Norway to Iceland and the wilds of Greenland to finish in Svalbard. His presentation will aim to capture the remoteness of icebergs, snowy landscapes and craggy mountains and show the incredible fauna and flora, from seabirds, waders and polar bears to stunted plants and trees.

Tuesday 10 November 2020
Birds of Moor and Mountain
- controversy or cooperation
by André Farrar

André used to work for the RSPB as a species protection warden in the Trough of Bowland. These hills are alive with wildlife and are increasingly a refuge for species struggling in the lowlands. Yet the future of

our uplands is controversial - the future of hill farming hangs in the balance and intensive management for driven grouse shooting is limiting the numbers of birds of prey and affecting our wildlife heritage. However, successful restoration of some uplands is pointing to a new vision for the future.

Tuesday 8 December 2020
Wildlife of the Weaver Valley
by Jeff Clarke

Jeff has a passion for the natural world and has spoken at our indoor meetings on several occasions. As an ecologist for twenty-six years he has a wealth of experience from exploring the Weaver Valley. He will take us along the River Weaver through Cheshire's farmland, urban and industrial landscapes to discover some hidden natural gems of this important river system. There will be lots of birds, mammals and flowers to enjoy along the route to the Mersey Estuary.

Tuesday 12 January 2021
Birds, Wetland History and Landscape
by Ian Rotherham

This is the first time Ian has presented to our Local Group. From an early age he soon realised what a fantastic habitat wetlands are for wildlife. He is the author of several books and will take us through the history of the wetland landscape and how it has changed over time for wildlife.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: in England and Wales No. 207076 in Scotland No. SC037654

Tuesday 9 February 2021
The Complete Owl
by Michael Leach

Michael has spoken to the Local Group on several previous occasions. This presentation is based on his best-selling book of the same name covering resident British owls in both folklore and fact and in particular looking at their specialised techniques that help them to hunt. It dispels misleading myths revealing the realities of an owl's life and is illustrated with dramatic high-speed photographs of owls in flight.

Tuesday 9 March 2021
Ethiopia: fascinating landscapes, birds,
animals and ancient history
by Paul Bingham

A birders perspective of the amazing Northern Historical Circuit followed by a journey down the Rift Valley, stopping off at bird-rich lakes before venturing up into the Bale Mountains to explore their unique wildlife. Discover the positive and beautiful side of a country steeped in history but normally portrayed for its famines and political troubles.

Tuesday 13 April 2021
The Goshawk
by Steve Watson

Another new presenter to the Local Group, Steve is a raptor enthusiast and a member of the Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group (GRMG). His presentation will cover the natural history of the goshawk, including its ecology, population dynamics, biology, foraging, courtship and breeding behaviour.